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A Belle Perry
18-year-old kids' entertainer

I've been doing drama at school for two years now, and I hope to attend the Avon Academy of the Performing Arts next year. Over the last year, I've been earning some extra pocket money by performing at kids' birthday parties at weekends. As the oldest of five children, I've often had to take care of my little brothers and sisters. That means I've had lots of practice keeping kids amused! For the parties, I'm usually asked to play the role of a popular film character, a clown or a superhero, but I also do face painting too, which they love. Children are so much fun to be around, especially at parties, when they're all in a good mood!



C Joanne Alden
high school student participating in a work experience programme

I'm nearing the end of an incredible three-week work experience stint that I was lucky enough to have the chance to do at the East Dover Art Museum. I filled out an application, waited a few weeks for a response and then had to go through a challenging interview. Finally, I was told that I'd been chosen out of nearly 100 applicants to fill 1 of 10 posts available on the museum's programme. I was thrilled because art is my passion and I really like the East Dover Art Museum. The museum staff are very friendly! I will always be grateful to them because they have given me some fascinating tasks to do and a lot of helpful feedback afterwards! I got to help organise a forthcoming exhibition, and it made me realise that pursuing a career in the arts is the right thing for me to do.



B Natalie Barton
19-year-old house-sitter

Being a house-sitter means living in and looking after people's houses while they are away on holiday or on business. It isn't a particularly well-paid job, obviously, but I earn enough to cover my basic expenses while I work on my poetry. My mum wanted me to go to university as soon as I finished school, but I decided to take a year off to write. House-sitting is the ideal job for me right now because it's not at all tiring and all my energy can go into my writing! All I have to do is water people's plants and make sure everything is all right around the house. Oh, and if my clients have pets, I have to feed them of course. Other than that, I'm just there to keep an eye on things! That certainly gives me a lot of time to work in peace and quiet.



D Olivia Walker
university student and home tutor

I'm doing a teacher-training course to qualify as a maths teacher. I needed to make some extra money to help pay my tuition fees, so I decided to become a home tutor in my spare time. I signed up with a local agency which matches students who are in need of extra help with tutors living in the area. Home tutoring is different from classroom teaching, both in good and bad ways. I enjoy working one-to-one with students, but I often wish I could talk to another tutor about the problems that come up! Also, I usually have to travel to students' homes, so I'm spending a lot of time on public transport, which leaves me with less time to devote to my own coursework.